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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: ADA CONTRACT INITIALLED

1. MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES JARRIN AND ADA NEGOTIATORS HAVE INITIALLED A DRAFT CONTRACT WHICH WOULD PERMIT ADA CONSORTIUM TO RENEW EXPLORATION FOR NATURAL GAS IN THE GULF OF GUAYAQUIL. THE DRAFT IS BEING CIRCULATED TO OTHER MINISTRIES AND WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE CABINET SOMETIME AFTER JARRIN'S RETURN FROM THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION.

2. ADA ATTORNEY JORGE PEREZ BELIEVES THE REVIEW CAN GO EITHER WAY. HE UNDERSTANDS THAT MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT ADMIRAL POVEDA IS ARGUING WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES THAT IT IS NOT POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE FOR THE GOE TO MAKE A CONTRACT WITH THE SAME PARTIES WHOSE CONTRACT THE GOE ROUNDLY DENOUNCED IN NOVEMBER 1972. (DURING MOST OF SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATING PERIOD MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES REFERRED PUBLICLY TO THE CONSORTIUM AS PHILLIPS. HOWEVER, MINOR CONSORTIUM MEMBER PHILLIPS HAS PULLED OUT ALTOGETHER. THUS, PUBLIC RELATIONS PLOY WAS SPOILED.)

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3. DIRECTOR OF HYDROCARBONS GUILLERMO BIXBY SAYS HE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT A CONTRACT WILL COME ABOUT WITH ADA. HOWEVER, HE THINKS ANOTHER ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED AFTER THE GOE COMPLETES ITS REVIEW OF THE DRAFT.
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